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Music & Art in the Park Returns to Canal Winchester

CANAL WINCHESTER – The 2008 Music & Art in the Park summer concert series, presented by the Village of Canal Winchester, will kick off on Friday, May 16 at 6 p.m. May's event will feature a "Viva Las Vegas" theme, with performances by Michael Lovelace, an Elvis impersonator (6 p.m. – 7p.m.), and Brian Michael Smith, a Frank Sinatra tribute singer (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.). Additional activities throughout the night will include face painting by the Canal Winchester Art Guild, a roaming magician, a caricature artist, and art displays by the Canal Winchester Art Guild.

"We are really excited about the line up for this year's Music & Art in the Park," said Carrie Hoover, Community Affairs Director for the Village of Canal Winchester. "We hope that having music and activities that tie into a different theme each month will bring a variety of people out to see each concert."

Other themes for this free concert series, which will be held the third Friday of every month, May through August, include:

- "Blast From the Past," Friday, June 20, featuring Swing's The Thing, a 16-piece big band ensemble from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a classic car show from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- "A Touch of Country," Friday, July 18 with the Christy Angeletti Band from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. as well as line dance instruction from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m.
- "Island Rhythms on the Canal" will be held Friday, August 15. Entertainment and activities for this event to be announced.

All Music & Art in the Park events will be held from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Stradley Park, just north of the village municipal building at 36 S. High Street. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating at this family-friendly event. Picnics are also welcome; however, alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Canal Winchester's community center, located at 22 S. Trine Street, will be used as a backup location in the case of inclement weather for all concerts except the June 20 "Blast From the Past" event.

Anyone who is interested in displaying their car at the classic car cruise-in during the "Blast From the Past" event on June 20 should contact Carrie Hoover at choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov or 614-834-9727. A trophy will be awarded by popular vote for the People's Choice winner at the event. There are a limited amount of spaces available for the cruise-in, so make sure to reserve your spot as soon as possible!

During July's "A Touch of Country" event, the village is encouraging attendees to support local businesses and products. As part of this theme, area residents and business will have the opportunity to set up tables with pre-approved products to sell, such as produce, or items to display, such as arts and crafts. If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov.